

CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1.
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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DOWN INTO THE DEPTHS OF HUMILITY

Up to the Mountain Peaks of Perfect Love.

Without These Principles More or Less Demonstrated All Efforts to Do Good Will Fail.

It may be possible for people sometimes to think they are humble when in truth they are self exalted in trying to believe they are humble when they are not.

They may appear humble and try to show it by their plain dress, or modest actions and lowered tone of voice, but real humility means much more than a mere outward show.

If a person has an exalted opinion of himself and makes a boast of modesty and humility, and puts himself forward and makes himself conspicuous and appears important, he is not in the sphere of humility.

Almost every Christian knows that it is necessary to be humble, and many times people are heard to express their desire to be humble, and often pray and ask God to keep them low and humble before Him. This of course is all good when it is done in sincerity.

There is a way to really and truly get humble and remain so. The closer one lives to God the more humble he will be because he can realize something of God's greatness and his nothingness in comparison. But as long as a person remains only in the presence of his equals it may be difficult to be humble.

While brother Job was in personal contact with his three friends(?) he felt he was as wise as they, and that his knowledge of things was equal with theirs, so they were not able to subdue him. When they would talk he would answer back. But when the Lord came to Job and talked with him a few minutes, Job was ready to get humble right. When he saw himself by the side of his friends he was their equal, but when he found himself in the presence of God the first thing he said was, "Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth. Once I have spoken;

but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further." (Job 40:4,5.)

This same truth is illustrated in the life of Peter when Jesus came to the fishermen who had toiled all night and taken nothing. When they had let down their nets at the word of Jesus and enclosed such a multitude of fish, Peter was made to realize his littleness in the presence of the mighty Christ. He fell down at Jesus' knees and exclaimed "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

This same Peter thirty years later in his letter to the elect of God gave a special lesson on humility. Among other things he said, "Ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder." This shows that there may be a tendency in young lives to want to reach above those of more experience and maturer years and usurp from them their rightful respect and honor. So he exhorts the young people to be subject or obedient to those who are older in the way.

Then apparently as if he knew it was possible for even older people to become exalted because he was teaching the young people to obey them, he turned to them and said, "Yea, all of you be subject one to another." And to make sure that he would not be misunderstood he adds, "And be clothed with humility."

This shows then that a humble person will be subject to others and not self-willed or self-conceited; but will take advice and be easily entreated. They will respect their superiors and be subject to them. They will prefer others to themselves. They will respect the advice of others of superior rank even when it seem contrary to their own judgment.

In order to make the lesson still more impressive, and to show its value Peter said, "For God resisteth the proud." Pride then is the

opposite of humility. A proud person then is one that will not submit to others. He is going to act according to his impressions or leadings even if it is contrary to the advice of those who are older and his superiors in knowledge and experience as well as position. This is the kind of a person that Peter declares God is against and will resist.

I wonder if you know of anyone who has refused to take the advice of others and acted on their own responsibility. Do not consider the man that is spiritual and with a degree of wisdom who has refused to take the advice of worldlings or those who were opposed to the real truth, but see if you can remember any one that has failed to take the advice of a real father in spiritual things, and one who is capable of giving the right kind of advice. Don't look too far away in your search, but try and bring this search down to yourself and see if you have shown a streak of pride at any time so that God would be compelled to resist you according to Peter's statement.

It would certainly be a serious thing to awake sometime to the fact that God is resisting you in every attempt you make to be successful in life. Little as you may think about it, it is no light thing to get out of harmony with God by stolidly or proudly resisting God's plan in being subject one to another, or boldly stepping out and do as you please against the kind and humble advice of those who are over you in the Lord and watching for your soul. Remember that God resists the proud and Peter plainly shows that the person is proud that will not submit one to another, or the younger will not submit to the older.

As a kind of reward to induce people to submit, Peter says that God will give them grace. And as grace means favor, God will bestow favor upon those who submit according to God's plan. For myself I would rather have the favor of God than to have my own way about anything. This does not mean that I would sacrifice the truth and yield to a compromise in the plain doctrine, but I will bend to the wise counsel and advice of my brethren who are superior in knowledge or

wisdom or judgement on certain lines of work etc.

After all of this and as a kind of conclusion Peter adds, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time." The same as to say, you learn obedience first, and then you will be fit to occupy a position of trust where it will be necessary for others to submit to you. No one is capable of ruling or governing if he has never submitted to rule or government himself.

Although Jesus was destined to be a ruler, and was the Son of God, it is said that He learned obedience (Heb. 5:8) before He was exalted to the highest position in the universe. He went down into the depths of humility before He traversed the mountain peaks of authority and rulership. He "made himself of no reputation and took upon Him the form of a servant", and was "obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (Phil. 2:7,8)

The very lowest and most disgraceful death He could die. But following this obedience and submission came the highest exaltation: "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him and given Him a name which is above every name." (Phil. 2:9.)

Do you want to ascend to the very highest position that God has ordained for you? Then you must first go down into the depths of humility, and climb up to the mountain peaks of perfect love.

You often say you want to follow Jesus all the way; then you must learn to obey those that have the rule over you. That is the first great step in following in His steps. Take up your cross and follow Him. Do something that you don't much want to do in order to submit yourself to those who are over you in the Lord. Your spirit may revolt, but do it any way. Break your spirit and bend your will, or break your will and bend your spirit. Make yourself do it without murmuring and without thinking you are imposed upon. It is a cross indeed but that is the way Jesus said go.

When Jesus was suffering in the garden He said He would like to have the cup removed, but if it was the Father's will for Him He

would willingly drink it. That was submission. You would like to do something else, but he who is over you in the Lord says for you to do this thing. Which are you going to do? The Bible says for you to submit, and Peter shows that if you do not submit one to another (according to Heb. 13:17 this means obey them that have the rule over you and are watching for your soul.) You put yourself in position so the Lord will resist you, for He resists the proud which you have made yourself by refusing to obey.

I would not write this way if Jesus had not said, "And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple, for I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will but the will of him that sent me," and the many other Scriptures on the same line.

I never would have been your servant the editor of the Evangel if I had consulted my own desires. It has always been a cross to me and still remains so, but I submitted to your worthy committee and I am doing the best I can. I feel that some body else could do better, but I dare not rebel and refuse to submit to the brethren, because to do so would show some pride and thus merit the resistance of God, for He resists the proud.

What is true in my case is just as true in yours in your sphere. But this does not mean that those in authority shall take advantage of this and exercise lordship over those under them. The committee did not act as lords over me and force me into this position, but they agreed that I should take it and I submitted although it was a cross and against what I really thought I ought to do. But I humbly submitted and God is giving grace and the paper is a blessing to thousands upon thousands.

In conclusion let me repeat that without these two principles "humility and perfect love" more or less demonstrated by the absence of selfishness, all efforts to do good will fail. If you follow the footsteps of Jesus you will go the humble submissive way.

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G. B. Cashwell Passes Over.

As we go to press we have just learned of the death of brother G. B. Cashwell, of Dunn, N. C., having departed this life the 4th inst.

Well do I remember that on the 12th day of January, 1908, while this dear brother was standing behind the sacred desk delivering the message the Holy Ghost fell upon this servant of the Lord and after about three hours of wonderful manifestations I knew I had received the Holy Ghost because I spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

Sister Cashwell has our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of bereavement. She has an interest in our prayers as she battles on in life to care for her children the fruit of their marriage since 1899.

To brother Cashwell is due the honor of carrying the pentecostal message first to many of us in the southeastern states eight years ago, having preached in his own state North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Tennessee, besides some of the western states.

Though his career as a pentecostal preacher was of short duration he set the match to the prepared material and the fire he started is still blazing higher and still spreading.

Another One Gone.

Our beloved sister Elmore departed this life March 1, 1916, aged 41 years. She leaves a father, mother, two brothers, a husband and nine children, and many friends to mourn her death. She received the Holy Ghost about three years ago and was a member of the dear old

Church of God. She was faithful unto death. The church at Ward, W. Va., will miss her pleasant face, but we shall surely meet again.

Oh, surely I'm happy
To think of that time,
When all of God's children
Shall dwell in that clime.

Where nothing will sadden,
No trials then to bear,
Oh, that is my city
I'm bound to live there.

Her pastor,
W. M. Rumler,
Ward, W. Va.

Largo, Fla.

To the Church of God Evangel and All the Saints:

I want to sound a note of praise to Him who hath redeemed us to God by His blood. He gives us salvation for spirit, soul and body, though at present we are contending for a victory not yet won. I humbly ask the sincere prayers of the saints in behalf of my wife. She is suffering from some derangement of the back or kidneys. His Word says, Pray one for another that ye may be healed, so please pray for her.

I want to thank and praise God for giving us a place of worship here again after a space of five years without. Since the devil burnt our tabernacle we have assembled for worship in the homes of the kind friends who opened their doors and gave us welcome, and God gave us untold blessings during this time, but we all with one heart thank God for a public building again where both saint and sinner can find shelter and plenty of room and a glad welcome.

Pray that we may keep low at Jesus' feet so God can work through us to the upbuilding of His cause here. Satan is working, but God is more powerful and through Him we shall have the victory.

Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise God through our dear little paper for the many good things He has done for my soul. Bless His dear name.

Nearly eleven months ago the Lord saved, sanctified and filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost, and I am not tired of the way, for I see so much ahead. The Lord has been calling me deeper with Him for the past month, but the enemy has tried all his Satanic powers to hinder but praise God, I intend to override every difficulty and get

all the Lord has for me.

I'm glad because He is made to me all I need. I love this way better than I ever have anything I ever found yet. I know for me, this has been a way of sacrifice but just one glimpse I've had of Jesus and the joy and peace He gives, is worth every sacrifice I ever made. Bless His sweet name.

We have had some very wonderful meetings here in Atlanta. People are beginning to see the light on the great Church of God.

If we can keep our pastor, E. W. Simpson, with us the church will soon be larger than the one at Cleveland. Bro. Simpson is a full rounded Church of God man. Bless the Lord. We have had one sanctified and one received the Holy Ghost. In the last two weeks twenty-five were added to the church. Well, praise the Lord, let the Evangel readers help us to shout. Pray much for us that we may be true until Jesus comes.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Christiana Smith, (Clk.)

Parkersburg, W. Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I thank God for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the blessed Holy Ghost, and I believe in the Church of God. Jesus is my Healer.

I praise the Lord for the little cottage meetings we have here, for I always get a wonderful blessing out of them.

The Lord is doing a great work here and we are looking for a revival here soon, and we are praying that many souls will be saved.

I am so glad I ever found the Church of God.

Your brother watching for Jesus,

George Merinar.

Wewehitchka, Fla.

I feel like praising my Savior for what He has done for me. He blesses me in so many ways. He has sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost.

We have a little band here and I ask your prayers that we may be true.

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THE IMPROPER USE OF THE TONGUE

Causes Untold and Irreparable Harm
Among the People of God.

Sam C. Perry.

In looking over the life of a person who is truly saintly, there will be few signs more apparent than this, that he is able to control his tongue. As we look back over the multitude of acquaintances we have had among the children of God, it seems to us that those who have left the deepest and most lasting impressions upon us concerning God and heaven, and who stand head and shoulders above the rest, have in most cases been persons who were careful of their words in all cases, and especially careful in speaking of faults, failings and short comings of others. Our conversation of others is such a good indicator of our feeling toward them. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." This is true with regard to our attitude to everything, and specially to individuals.

"Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him show out of a good conversation his work with meekness of wisdom." The conversation of a holy man seems to be the balance wheel, so to speak, in his life. If this is in good shape it is rather a good indication concerning all else in his life. Saint James declares that "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body." But how little importance is attached to the use of the tongue. The same writer says that from the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. If in conversation we use our tongue to pronounce evil against some one, what must be the condition of the heart that prompted us to do so? Is it not evil too?

The tongue is likened to the bits we put in the horses' mouths with which we guide them, but if we do not use it rightly Satan will surely run away with us and destroy us. If the steersman of the ship does not steer the ship properly, he is likely to run his ship aground or collide with other vessels. So with our tongue, it is like the ship's helm, we can use it to wreck our life.

The tongue is likened to fire. We could scarcely get along without fire, but fire in

the furniture, walls and roof of our home would very soon bring inconvenience to us. So the tongue like the fire out of its proper place and use can soon bring havoc to our service for God. The tongue can effect our whole life, and even burn to the lowest hell. How we would shrink from a deadly poison in our food or drink, but the tongue is to be feared more if it is out of order. It can, indeed, bite as a serpent and sting as an adder.

The length and happiness of this life seems to depend on how well we are able to control and use our tongues. "For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile." 1 Pet. 3:10. But we may be assured that if because of prejudice, jealousy, or for any other reason we speak evil of others and injure the usefulness, destroy their happiness in the world it will surely come back to us again. A little fireside conversation, or friendly intercourse, is indulged, and the little reports about the pastor or leaders or a member are indulged freely, and delighted in, become a real sweet morsel to those indulging in it, and from one to another it is carried around until the whole community is full of gossip and tale-bearing, and from time to time the new developments are added and finally such a mix-up has developed that many literal falsehoods are being circulated and carried by those who have professed to be pure in heart. My brethren these things ought not to be. If a man or woman is wrong deal with them in the proper way, but do not butcher them in this manner. God will surely judge this kind of conduct, yea, He is judging it now, in that such have no power, joy or happiness in their lives.

"A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you that every idle word that men shall speak they shall give account thereof in the day of judgement. So if you can't get these things settled up now there is coming a

time when God will attend to it.

"If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain."

Ft. Meade, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God because my sins have been forgiven, because I have been sanctified through the blood of Jesus and for the Comforter, the Holy Ghost, that really abides, praise God.

Brother E. Haynes and wife just closed a three weeks meeting at Zolfo. There was great good done there, seven received the Holy Ghost, a German boy being one of the number and was exceedingly happy. There were a dozen or more that we know of that were under conviction when we left.

The power fell and some played under the power, others sang while others danced. Praise God for the real foretaste of heaven in our souls.

We had the Lord's supper and foot washing as per St. Jno. 13:14,16.

There were three baptized and four came into the church. The meeting strengthened the saints and was a great blessing.

Sister Lula Miller, sister Beulah Ladd and myself are helping brother and sister Haynes in a meeting at Ft. Meade.

Pray for us all and lost souls at this place as this is a new field.

Your sister in the battle for lost souls,

Miss Docia Russell.

Morgantown, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I did not get to the Assembly but it does my soul good to read of the work that was done there.

I want to ask the prayers of the saints for this place over here in Mississippi. We are marching around the walls and the place is beginning to tremble and I know the walls will fall. I haven't any great revival to write up just now, but just wait. I don't know how the rest of the folks are thinking about brother Haynes being state overseer but it makes me shout glory. And brother Adams, bless your soul, if you read this, and you haven't got enough to keep you busy come up here and help me for I want to hear you preach. Your brother under the blood, W. E. Evans.

Johnson City, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to congratulate our committee on their work and success in the purchase of the Assembly building at Harriman which will save much worry, labor and money.

In appreciation of your faithful work, dear brethren, you may look for my subscription inside of a month.

We feel that Cleveland is our spiritual home that we enjoy visiting once a year, but will it not be quite natural for us to enjoy our own home at Harriman even more when we have put our own money into it?

I expect to put into this building all I can that I may enjoy it the more and welcome those to come who are unable to pay so much. But all can do something if no more than the widow's mite. Your brother behind you with my little money and earnest prayers,

W. G. Anderson.

This is a sample of the many communications received in response to the report of the building committee in the Evangel a few weeks ago. The people are expressing their appreciation and satisfaction of the committee's success and wisdom in saving of money by purchasing a house already for use, even if it is at a different place from Cleveland.

I want to kindly ask all who have their name on the subscription list in the Evangel to make a special effort to clear the page in a very few weeks as the whole amount subscribed will be needed in a very short time.

I think a few subscribed with a thought that they would not have to pay until next Assembly, but beloved, if you can all arrange to get the amount sooner it will be a great favor to those who are carrying the weight and responsibility.

God bless you all Just do the best you can and by the help of God we will pull through some way.

There is one other thing to which I wish to call attention. There will be needed about fifteen hundred dollars more than has been paid and subscribed. It must come, too.

Please pray earnestly that God will touch the hearts of many who have not subscribed and cause them to send in help liberally. —Editor.

Special Notice

To one and all:

I am preparing to go out in the Evangelistic work. I have sold out and give up the

things of this old world for the sake of the gospel and Church of God. I stand in need of a gospel tent and ask all the people of God to pray over this matter and give as you think it will please the Lord.

S. C. Elrod and Wife,
Evangelists,
23 N. McLin St. Rome, Ga.

Benton, Ark.

To all praying people who may chance to read this:

I am not a Christian as I know I ought to be and I am away from my dear family in Alabama. I want to ask an interest in your prayers for myself, wife and two little children. I believe if there was ever a woman that lives a Bible life it is Bettie, my wife, and I know her prayers go up for me while I am absent from her.

I am here seeking a place to move my family. I think of locating at Russellville where there are lots of good people.

In my heart I want to walk in the light of the gospel and be a Christian.

A sinner friend,
Jesse Cargile.

Report

Meeting closed last night at the Oak Hill school house with the altar full of seekers crying out to God for deliverance.

Some were saved, some were sanctified and a few were filled with the Holy Ghost for we heard them speak with other tongues. It looked bad to close, but we could not get the house any longer.

Pray that God will open up another place. There are a lot of hungry folks here. About a hundred gave their hands for prayer and the tears flowed freely.

Pray for us that God will keep us humble and low at His feet and that we may do His sweet will.

John Burk and Wife.

Dahlonaga, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints that read the Evangel:

Please pray a special prayer for me. I am unsaved, I want the Holy Ghost, so I will be ready when the Great King comes. I am afraid He will come before I get ready. Please pray for me.

Mrs. Fred Davis.

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Cookeville, Tenn.

Dear Editor:

I thank God from whom all blessings flow for the way he blesses me while traveling here below. I have just been attending the meeting held at Post Oak by Mrs. Mary Troglen. We have the word preached but the power denied. We have so much of this theory and ism doctrine that the people are blinded and have gone to sleep spiritually.

The thing we have to do is to put off the old man with all his filthiness. We find that to be carnally minded is death but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. I am sorry to say that I have allowed the carnal mind to cheat me out of many blessings that God had for me.

I am glad that I have found the Pentecostal people and seen the way He manifests the Holy Ghost through them.

Pray for me that I may stay in this humble way.

Yours for the Master's service,

J. O. Brown.

Eldorado, Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for a Christian home and the way that He keeps my family.

I am 509 miles away from home in debt, but by the help of God I will soon be out of debt and have tickets to take us back south where I can be with the brothers and sisters of the Church of God. There are brothers and sisters up here that have the real Bible Holy Ghost, but they don't know anything about the real Church of God. They are sheep looking for the one fold. All they need is a good Church of God preacher. There are three Church of God members here, myself, wife and sister Barrett, all members at Kimberley, Ala.

It is my determination to go through with the Lord. I am going to pay tithes and obey the Bible and get the blessing for it all.

Did you ever go away from home when you were a little child and get home sick? Well that is the way I feel about the Church of God.

I have decided that I am going to obey them that have the rule over me in the Lord.

I desire the prayers of all the saints that I shall be humble until Jesus comes.

Tom Johnson.

Little Rock Church, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Dear Saints:

This evening finds me rejoicing and on my way to heaven. I do thank God

that one day before it was too late God showed me myself as He saw me. I poured my heart out to God and He baptized me with the Holy Ghost.

I have found that it means something to be in this way but I didn't start to turn back, I started to go through and I am going. "Blessed is the man whose delight is in the law of the Lord in His law doth he meditate day and night."

Your true friend in Christ,

J. L. Ellis.

Toomh, Ga.

To the Saints Everywhere:

Greetings in the dear name of Jesus. God bless you every one, I do praise God for what he has done for me.

Over four years ago, at the age of fourteen, God so mightily convicted my soul, when I was out in the dark way of sin without God. I am so glad I saw my lost condition, and I praise the Lord that I ever got to the place that I fully repented and he so wonderfully forgave me and Oh, good I did feel but there was still a longing in my heart for the cleansing blood of Jesus and He applied this to my heart and made me every whit whole. How happy I was to know that I was washed whiter than snow. Immediately after this the blessed Holy Ghost came in oh, such joy and peace that filled and thrilled my soul.

It seemed that heaven was just poured into my soul. I never will forget when He came into this temple to dwell. I praise God that it is our privilege to have the blessed Holy Ghost in these days.

Just think of the meek and lowly Nazarine, that man of Galilee that loved us so much that He gave His life, shed his blood that we could enjoy freedom from sin. It is wonderful, truly wonderful to have our sins under the blood and feel the sweet assurance of a home beyond the skies.

Young girls, it surely pays to obey our Christ and serve Him in this world. The devil may tell us many things but nothing is so great as to live for Jesus. We may have to give up a few friends but the friendship of Christ will repay for it all. I never will regret stepping out for Jesus.

I praise and thank Him every day for peace and rest that I enjoy. It is far beyond anything this world can bring, while the world is decorated with many things to entice us but as I look up this shining way toward heaven it looks more beautiful to me

than this world with all its pleasures for they endure but just a moment. Then to think of spending eternity with Jesus in that eternal city of God. I praise God that I ever learned of Jesus.

He is all this world to me. I could not live without Him. I can truly say "I am drinking at the fountain that never shall run dry." It is a nappy life to live right down at the feet of Jesus where the healing waters flow. It is so wonderful what the dear Lord has done for me. I have been trying to tell it all these four years and the half is yet untold, but by the grace of God I mean to witness for Him and stand for Him as long as I am permitted to stay on this earth. How we need to get closer to God, hidden in His love that we may be enabled to stand the awful things that are coming on this earth but oh the glory that awaits the faithful.

Dear children of God, don't ever become discouraged. We have gone too far up this shining way to ever think of looking back. It looks near to the golden gates than to look back on this cold friendless world. I feel fighting the battle a little harder and praying a little more. No time to idle for the glory of the Lord is near. There is glory in my soul to think of that time when all of God's saints will be gathered home. Then all tears will be wiped away, trials and temptations will be over. Friends, heaven is worth living for and if we fail to gain it we are forever ruined.

May God help each one to get closer and do more for Him, and ever keep in the center of His will. Pray for me that I may prove true. If I am not permitted to meet you here on earth, by the grace of God I'll meet you on the streets of glory.

I am a sister in Christ,
Lettie Hause.

Enid, Miss,

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God this morning for victory in my soul and for the Holy Ghost who abides in my soul. I praise God because He has saved my husband and there are five of my children that have the Holy Ghost and speak with tongues. We have had some very bad sickness in our family and we trusted God and He has done the work.

I want to ask you to pray for me and my family that we may all do the Lord's will.

Mrs. W. A. Smith.

Mentone Ala.

Dear Saints:

A few lines from a newcomer. I just thought I would write a short testimony to the saints. I praise the Lord for the Holy Ghost that He has given me. I had a time getting through, the devil tried to get me up and go on about my business and not get "such stuff as that", but glory to God I said, "Lord, I'll do anything that you want me to do." Then the devil got mad and I sure did have a time but I got the victory. I just laughed in his face. "The devil is mad and I am glad."

For he lost one soul he thought he had."

I received the Holy Ghost Sunday night December 12th 1915 and although I have already had some fights with the devil but He says if He is for us who can be against us. I ran off from home and went thirty-five miles to get the Holy Ghost, but I can go back now and tell them what I have found.

Willie Sharp.

Jasper, Fla.

Dear Saints:

I was badly tangled up with things of this world, and I wanted to be straight with the world so that it would not come between me and the Christ. I sold everything that I had and paid my debts and now I feel free and nothing can come between me and the Christ. I did this all for Jesus sake.

W. F. Woodley.

Bald Knob, Ark.

Dear Brother:

I praise God for His healing power. I was down for about four months and could not walk but He healed me. I had trusted in physicians, but I told them one day that they need not come any more that I was going to trust in the Lord and that if He didn't see fit to heal me I was ready to pass over. The Lord had healed me before morning. I had to awaken my husband and tell him what the Lord had done. Praise God. I can't write for shouting right now. We need a Church of God preacher here.

Mrs. Nora Bunnell.

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